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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7462**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 323

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 5, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Wireless Emergency Notification Pilot Program.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires Marion County, Tippecanoe County, and Vanderburgh County to establish pilot programs to provide warnings of emergency situations to mobile telecommunications service customers in those counties.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill will cause an increase in expenditures for the counties listed in the bill that are required to establish a pilot program to provide emergency warnings to mobile phone customers who primarily use the mobile phones in those counties. The increased cost to Marion, Tippecanoe, and Vanderburgh Counties could be offset by the provision in the bill which allows these counties to impose a fee for the pilot program.

The pilot program would be required as of July 1, 2007, and expire December 31, 2009. The bill requires that before November 1, 2009, each of the listed counties report the results of the pilot program to both the Utility Regulatory Commission and the General Assembly.

The bill requires these counties to either expand their current emergency telephone system, or contract with a private company to establish this pilot program. Therefore, the amount of the cost is indeterminable and will ultimately depend upon the administrative actions of the listed counties.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** The bill allows Marion, Tippecanoe, and Vanderburgh County to impose a fee for the pilot program required in this bill. It is estimated that any the fee revenue would be used to offset the cost of implementing the pilot program.

The bill allows a fee to be imposed for implementation of this pilot program, but requires the fee to be reasonable. The bill also subjects this fee to the limitations set forth in IC 36-18-16-6(b). That statute would prohibit this fee to be imposed at a rate that exceeds the following:

- (1) In a county that has a consolidated city or a county that has at least one second class city, 3% of the average monthly telephone access line charge in the unit.
- (2) In a county that does not have a consolidated city or a second class city, 10% of the average monthly telephone access line charge in the unit.

**State Agencies Affected:** General Assembly; Utility Regulatory Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Marion County; Tippecanoe County; Vanderburgh County.

**Information Sources:**

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